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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed February 23, 2009, Appellant hereby resubmits a copy of the Claims Appendix.

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APPENDIX OF CLAIMS

- 1. An elevator system comprising:

 a car (28) having a plurality of opposed electromagnets (26); and
 two spaced car follower portions (40) each having an electromagnet (24)
 facing a corresponding one of said electromagnets on said car, and said car follower
 portions each being provided with guide structure (42) for moving along a guide rail
 (25) in an elevator hoistway, said electromagnets on said car and said car follower
 portions interacting to provide a repulsive force tending to force said elevator car to be
 centered between said car follower portions.
- 2. An elevator system as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said car follower portions are interconnected (32) to move together as a single car follower.
- 3. An elevator system as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said car is free to move relative to said car follower in a horizontal plane but constrained to move with said car follower in a vertical direction.
- 6. An elevator system as set forth in Claim 1, wherein there are a plurality of electromagnets associated with each of said car follower portions.
- 7. An elevator system as set forth in Claim 1, wherein a control system (30) controls the field strength of said electromagnets to in turn control a repulsive force from said electromagnets.

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8. An elevator comprising:

a car (28) to be movable through a vertical path of travel; and a car follower (22) to be movable along two guide rails (25), said car follower including magnets (24) associated with each guide rail, said magnets on said car follower interconnected (32) to move together in a horizontal plane and relative to said car, and said car including magnets (26) positioned to be opposed to said magnets on said car follower, said car being free to move relative to said car follower in a horizontal plane, but generally constrained to move with said car follower along said vertical path of travel, and there being a repulsive magnetic force between said magnets on said car follower and said magnets on said car.

11. An elevator as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said magnets are electromagnets and including a control (30) that selectively varies the repulsive magnetic force between at least two opposing magnets to selectively control a position of the car relative to the car follower.